

House Resolution No. 1413

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Jeffrey L. Fister, who will receive the National Federation of Press Women, Missouri Affiliate Virginia Betts White Quest Award during the organization's annual luncheon to be held April 14, 2007, at Ces and Judy's Le Chateau Village in Frontenac; and

Whereas, the Virginia Betts White Quest Award recognizes individual communicators whose work reflects an enduring quest for the highest standards of professional ethics and excellence; and

Whereas, born in St. Louis in 1959, Jeffrey Fister graduated from Chaminade High School in 1977 and Saint Louis University in 1981 before working as a reporter and editor for the Suburban Journals of St. Louis; and

Whereas, after careers with McDonnell Douglas and Martin Marietta corporations, Jeffrey Fister returned to St. Louis in 1989 and purchased the West End Word newspaper as part of a larger family business, turning the bi-monthly publication serving the Central West End into a weekly newspaper with circulation in the City's central corridor from downtown St. Louis to Clayton; and

Whereas, in 1992, Virginia Publishing Co. began publishing books on local history and local interest, becoming the area's largest independent publisher of St. Louis non-fiction trade (retail) books; and

Whereas, active in several community organizations and events, Jeffrey Fister has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Laura; and his eight children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Jeffrey Fister at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jeffrey Fister, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1413, adopted March 26, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker